

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of operating a communication system including a plurality of user terminals (3,5) and a plurality of storage terminals (7), each being associated with at least one user terminal (3,5)[[:]], the method including the steps of:

storing encrypted content data (19) on each of said storage terminals (7);

generating schedule data (15) including decryption key means for enabling decryption of the content data (19)-by the storage terminal(7); and

transmitting the schedule data (15) to the storage terminal (7) via a mobile telecommunications network-(17); characterised

wherein in that the storage terminal (7) includes a time indicator, and the schedule data (15) is generated such that it controls the time at which the content data (19) is decrypted by the storage terminal(7) using the decryption key means and with respect to the time indicator of the storage terminal (7) such that the decrypted content data can be transmitted to the user terminal (3,5) at said time.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein at least some of the content data (19)-is stored on the storage terminal (7) by transmitting the content data (19) over the mobile telecommunications network-(17).

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 2, wherein the content data (19) is transmitted to the storage module (7) at a time selected to coincide with a time when network use (17) is or is expected to be relatively low.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1,2 or 3, wherein at least some of the content data is stored on the storage terminal (7) prior to distribution of the storage terminal (7) to the user.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein at least some of the content data (19) is stored on the storage (7) terminal by transmitting the content data via the Internet.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A method of controlling access to encrypted content data stored on a storage terminal (7), the method including the steps of:

transmitting schedule data (15) to the storage terminal (7) via a mobile telecommunications network (17), the schedule data including decryption key means for enabling decryption of the content data (19) by the storage terminal (7); and

receiving the schedule data (15) at the storage terminal (7);

wherein characterised in that the storage terminal (7) includes a time indicator, and the schedule data (15) controls the time at which the content data (19) is decrypted by the storage terminal (7) using the decryption key means and with respect to the time indicator of the storage terminal (7) such that the decrypted content data can be transmitted to a user terminal (3,5) at said time.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A method of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the storage terminal (7) and the user terminal (3,5) comprise a single device.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the time of transmission is controlled such that the content data (19) is made available to the user terminal (3,5) substantially simultaneously with the transmission of that content data (19) to the storage terminal (7) by the mobile telecommunications network (17).

9. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the user of the user terminal (3,5) can select content data (19) to be transmitted to the storage terminal (7) and for the subsequent transmission to the user terminal (3,5).

10. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the user of the user terminal (3,5) can adjust the time of transmission of content data from the storage terminal (7) to the user terminal (3,5).

11. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, including determining the location of the user terminal (3,5) and transmitting special schedule data (15) and/or content data (19) in dependence upon the determined location.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, including enabling the user to respond to the content data (19) via the mobile telecommunications network-(17).

13. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1~~any one of the preceding claims~~, including enabling the user to perform a transaction associated with the content data-(19).

14. **(Currently Amended)** A communication system including:
a plurality of user terminals (3,5);
a plurality of storage terminals-(7), each being associated with at least one user terminal (3,5);
means for transmitting encrypted content data (19) to each of said storage terminals-(7);
means for generating schedule data (15) including decryption key means for enabling decryption of the content data (19) by the storage terminal-(7); and
means for transmitting the schedule data (15) to the storage terminal (7) via a mobile telecommunications network-(17);

wherein characterised in that the storage terminal (7) includes a time indicator, and the schedule data (15) generating means generates the schedule data (15) such that it controls the time at which the content data (19) is decrypted by the storage terminal (7) using the decryption key means and with respect to the time indicator of the storage terminal (7) such that the decrypted content data can be transmitted to the user terminal (3,5) at said time.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 14, including means for receiving a request for particular content data from a user, and means for transmitting that content data (19) to the storage terminal (7) for subsequent transmission to the user terminal (3,5).

16. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claims 14 ~~or~~ 15, including means for providing an indication of the location of the storage terminal (7) within the network, and means for altering the schedule data (15) for transmission to the storage module in dependence upon that location indication.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The system of any one of claims 14 to 16, including means for receiving instructions derived from the user terminal in response to the content data (19).

18. **(Currently Amended)** The system of ~~any one of~~ claims 14 to 17, including means for enabling a transaction associated with the content data (19) to be performed.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The system of ~~any one of~~ claims 14 to 18, wherein the network is a GSM or UMTS mobile telecommunications network.

20. **(Currently Amended)** A storage terminal (7) for storing encrypted content data, the storage terminal (7) including:

means for receiving schedule data (15) via a mobile telecommunications network (17), the schedule data including decryption key means for enabling decryption of the content data (19) by the storage terminal (7);

wherein characterised in that the storage terminal (7) includes a time indicator, and the schedule data (15) controls the time at which the content data (19) is decrypted by the storage terminal (7) using the decryption key means and with respect to the time indicator of the storage terminal (7) such that the decrypted content data can be transmitted to a user terminal (3,5) at said time.

21. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of claim 20, wherein the receiving means (9) comprises an interface for receiving the schedule data (15) from a mobile terminal, which mobile terminal is operable to receive schedule data (15) from the mobile telecommunications network-(17).

22. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of claim 21-20, wherein the receiving means (9) comprises a transceiver connectable to the mobile telecommunications network (17) for receiving schedule data from the mobile telecommunications network-(17).

23. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of claim 20, ~~21 or 22~~, including means for receiving content data (19) to be stored over the mobile telecommunications network-(17).

24. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of ~~any one of~~ claims 20-~~to~~ 23, including means for receiving content data (19) to be stored by means of the Internet.

25. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of ~~any one of~~ claims 20-~~to~~ 24, including means for transmitting (11)-content data (19) to the user terminal (3,5) substantially simultaneously with transmission of that content data (19) to the storage terminal (7) by the mobile telecommunications network-(17).

26. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of ~~any one of~~ claims 20-~~to~~ 25, including means for receiving (13) instructions from the user terminal (3,5) which are indicative

of a selection of content data required, and means for transmitting a signal indicative of this selection to a content data provider.

27. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of ~~any one of~~ claims 20-~~to~~-26, including means for adjusting the transmission time of content data ~~(19)~~ from the storage terminal ~~(7)~~ to the user terminal ~~(3,5)~~.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of ~~any one of~~ claims 20-~~to~~-27, including means for determining the location of the storage terminal ~~(7)~~ and for varying the content data ~~(19)~~ transmitted to the user terminal in dependence upon that location determination.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of ~~any one of~~ claims 20-~~to~~-28, including means for transmitting a response to the content data ~~(19)~~ from the user terminal via the mobile telecommunications network ~~(17)~~.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The storage terminal of ~~any one of~~ claims 20-~~to~~-29, including means ~~(13)~~ for enabling a transaction associated with the content data ~~(19)~~ to be performed.

31. **(Cancelled)**